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(NIXON)

LOS ANGELES--RICHARD M. NIXON YESTERDAY STUCK BY A STATEMENT IN HIS NEW BOOK THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS INFORMED DURING THE 1960 ELECTION CAMPAIGN OF U.S. PLANS TO SUPPORT A CUBAN INVASION.

IN A PREPARED STATEMENT ISSUED BY HIS OFFICE, HERE, NIXON SAID:

"PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO STATE THAT, FOLLOWING A PRACTICE HE HAD ESTABLISHED IN 1956, HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT IN REGARD TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES ABROAD, SENATOR KENNEDY WAS TO BE AS FULLY BRIEFED ON OUR FOREIGN PROBLEMS AS I WAS."

NIXON SAID THAT BECAUSE THE CUBAN ISSUE WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ONE IN THE CAMPAIGN, "I PERSONALLY RESEARCHED THE FACTS RELATING TO IT. THE STATEMENTS IN MY BOOK, 'SIX CRISES', WERE BASED NOT ONLY ON THE PUBLIC PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE BRIEFINGS PRESIDENT KENNEDY RECEIVED... BUT ON PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS."

IN PALM DESERT, CALIF., EISENHOWER'S SECRETARY SAID THE FORMER PRESIDENT "HAS NOTHING ELSE TO SAY." SHE CONFIRMED EISENHOWER HAD AUTHORIZED NIXON'S REMARKS.

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